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A DECLARATION FROM THE Lord of Hosts, Against the Idol SHEPHERDS:

AND THE Testimony of his Spirit of their Destruction being near at hand.

And also, the Glory of the Lord that shall appear to his PEOPLE.

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DECLARATION

FROM THE

Lord of Hosts,

SHEPHERDS:

A DECLARATION FROM THE *LORD* of *HOSTS*, &c.

THus saith the Lord of Hosts, who is strong and powerful: I will exalt my Name over the Heathen round about, for my Purpose and Decree is gone forth against the Idoll shepherds; and I will break down their Idoll gods, and their images which they have made, from the one end of the land to the other; and I will visit them with a rod for all their transgressions, wherewith they have been multiplied against me, for I have called to mind the heavie yoke (and sufferings of my people, wherewith they have caused them to suffer very grievous afflictions) to have been born.

I have therefore heard the cry of my people, and am come down to deliver them from the hands of their cruelty, which they have exercised from time to time against my people, my soul hath been grieved with their abominations, they have been too heavie a burthen for me to bear: they have exercised cruelty upon cruelty, upon my children, upon my servants, and upon my handmaids, and upon my innocent lambs, which are dear unto me as the apple of mine eye, yet I will now be the help and strength of my people, against all their adver-

saries, I will come forth in my might and power, like a man of warr, against them, and will incompasse them on every side, they shall not be able to escape my fury: for I am very jealous for my people, and my fury doth burn like an oven against all their adversaries; and I will recompence them double for all their cruelties, and for all their oppressions, and for all their afflictions wherewith they have afflicted my people, thus saith the Lord of Hosts, who is strong and powerfull, My hand shall be dreadfull against you, who have bin the Idoll shepherds of the land, who have caused the people to bow down to Idoll Gods, even the works of your own hands, and have caused the people to erre through your lying vanities; all your deceitfull merchandize will I will bring to light, and no man shall by your ware any more, and the abomination of your fornication I will discover wherewith you have deceived the Nations, for I will thorowly search and try you, and your fruits shall be made manifest to all people, insomuch you shall become a hissing to all people round about, and a dread and terror shall proceed from the Lord in all your inhabitations, and shall take hold of you, and you shall not be able to escape his fury: for out of his mouth shall proceed a sharp sword, which shall cut down the groves, and all the high places of *Baal* shall be troden under foot, and I will scatter all the worshippers of their Images from place to place, and I will throughly purge this Nation from all its drosse and defilements, and all Images and likenesses will I utterly destroy out of this land, and all the high places shall become desolate and barren, even as a wilderness, and they

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shall become a Proverb and a reproach unto all people, and they shall be even as a heap of confusion for ever, before the face of all people; and I will cause a stink to go upon them, and shall come up into the nostrils of the people, and they shall abhor them, and the beasts of the field shall come up and defile them, and they shall become a desolate habitation to all people.

And I will repair the ruines of my own city, and my own temple to place my name there, and I will lay in my temple, and in my city, a sure foundation which shall not be moved; and I will kindle a fire amongst my people, and they shall utterly consume all the Idoll-gods of the land, and the remnant of my people shall possess the Nation, and I will incompasse them with strength on every side against all their enemies; I will be as a wall of fire, and as a wall of brass about them, and they shall dwell quietly in the midst of the nation, and I will greatly multiply them with riches and strength, that all Nations shall bow down before them; and I will be their leader, and my presence shall go before them, & my Glory shall shine forth amongst them, to the confounding of all their enemies: And I will greatly multiply their Seed, and it shall be the glory of all the Nations, and my strength shall be encreased therein for their defence, for my everlasting arme shall uphold them; for with perpetual blessings have I blessed them, for they are my off-spring whom I have chosen to place my Name in, and of their dominion there shall be no end. I will stretch my hands over them in all places for good, and I will place my delight amongst them, and they shall

grow up to be a fruitful people in the land, and my ſanctuary will I inlarge amongſt them, and will cauſe them to ſit down in peace; and every one ſhall ſit down under his own vine, and under his own fig-tree, and none ſhall make them afraid, and great ſhall be the peace of my people: And I will cauſe my ſun to ſhine upon them with his everlaſting ſtrength to beautifie them. And for the increaſe of their government there ſhall be no end; and I will eſtabliſh them upon Mount *Sion*, the Hill of my own planting; and they ſhall be called the bleſſed of the Lord: My garment of Righteouſneſſe ſhall be put upon them, and I will cloath them with my majeſty before the face of all people, and their Renown ſhall ſhine forth to the Nations round about, and great ſhall be the felicity of my people: And I will adorne them with rich array, and plentiouſneſſe ſhall be in their habitations: and I will put my wiſdome into their mouth, and they ſhall judge my cauſe righteouſly: And my dread and terrour ſhall go forth before them, to the confounding of all their Adverſaries; and I will place true and ſound judgement amongſt them, that the hearts of the people may take delight therein; and the whole land ſhall be governed in peace and righteouſneſſe, and I will feed them with the dew of Heaven, and they ſhall wax fat and ſtrong: And their ſtrength ſhall be even as the ſtrength of an Unicorn: And I will bring forth my everlaſting Covenant, and will eſtabliſh it unto them, and to their poſterity from age to age thorow all Generations, and of their kingdome and dominion there ſhall be no end; for

for I have ſealed a perpetual decree of Mercy, and Loving kindneſſe unto them, and to their Generations for ever; and my everlaſting truth and righteouſneſſe ſhall abide with them, which ſhall repleniſh the earth, and bring forth fruit abundantly, ſo that the hearts of the people ſhall be knit unto them. And great ſhall be the proſperity of the Nation, and I will abundantly ſatisfie the hearts of my people with good things, that my delight in all things may take place; and I will fortify them in the midſt of the Nation as a ſtrong tower, that no enemy ſhall come nigh unto their dwelling place, for I will be a defence unto them on every ſide; and I will make the hearts of my people glad with the joy of my countinance, and their memoriall ſhall continue from age to age, and from generation to generation, and the Souls of my people ſhall be knit together in one union and harmony, that nothing may ſeparate them from my love, ſo that peace and love ſhall fructify amongſt them, and great ſhall be the increaſe of my people; I will increaſe their table with all manner of good things, and no good thing will I withhold from my choſen ones, for my Decrees and Statutes ſhall abide with them continually: And I will come and dwell in the midſt of them, and will lead them the way wherein they ſhould walk, and my Statutes and Judgements ſhall not depart out of their Coaſts; and I will chuſe unto them Judges as at firſt, and Counſellors as at the beginning, who ſhall deal uprightly between me, and my people, who ſhall judge in truth and righteouſneſſe, and ſhall plead the cauſe of the Innocent, that nothing

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that is contrary to truth and equity shall take place amongst them. Then shall the delight of the Lord be amongst his people, and he shall rejoyce over them for good in all the works of their hands; then shall the Tabernacle of the Lord shine forth with splendant beauty in the eyes of the Nations, and the glory thereof shall appear to the uttermost parts of the earth; and all Nations shall bow down before it, and shall become subject to his power and dominion; and there shall stream forth a pure law of Righteousnesse through the whole earth, and shall branch it self forth into the midst of the Assemblies of my People, even amongst all the Nations round about.

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THE END.